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Reference: F-2019-00079

Dear Ms. Crose:

This acknowledges the receipt of your two letters, dated 18 December 2018 and 4 January 2019, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 27 December 2018 and 16 January 2018, respectively, responding to our 13 November 2018 response in connection to your 28 September 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **any documentation related to the CIA technical project "MKCHICKWICK" related to research into mind-altering substances done in the 1960's/1970's**. Specifically, you are looking for "specific" documents responsive to the "MK-CHICKWICK" sub-program of MKULTRA. You advise that the requester report listing documents under the MK-ULTRA program does not meet the specifications of your FOIA request.

On 13 November 2018, our agency responded to your FOIA request for any documentation on MKCHICKWICK as it related to the MK-ULTRA program as you referenced in your request. For your information, a request referenced to the MK-ULTRA program is a standard response by this agency. The collection contains a voluminous amount of records that may include the program cited in your request. We sent you a requester report containing a listing of all documents in the MK-ULTRA collection and offered to send you the DVD containing the documents for purchase at a cost of \$10. However, you apparently are specifically looking only for the "MKCHICKWICK" documents, as you reference is part of the MK-ULTRA collection. Therefore, we conducted a search of our previously released database concerning the specific search terms in your request. This database contains thousands of documents previously released in connection to requests made for records pertaining to various topics. Enclosed are listings containing the search terms of [MKCHICKWICK] and [CHICKWICK] and [MKCHICKWIT] and [CHICKWIT] that identify documents that pertain to the search terms identified in your request. If you would like to order documents from the enclosed listings, please clearly mark those you want, bearing in mind that there may be some duplicates, and return the entire listings to us. We will provide the document copies at a cost of ten cents (US\$.10) per page less the first 100 pages to which you are entitled free as a requester in the "all other" fee category. Because the page counts on the listings are not always accurate, please do not send payment in advance. We will bill you at the time we provide the

documents you choose. At that time, we will ask you to make your check payable to the Treasurer of the United States. A copy of our schedule of fees is enclosed for reference.

If you have not already done so, we also recommend that you go to our website at www.cia.foia/library/readingroom and visit our Electronic Reading Room. You will find that you can search for additional previously released documents containing the search terms of your choosing that may contain mere mentions pertaining to the topic of your request. You can search and print the documents at no cost. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allison Fong', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allison Fong
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

Requester Report

Database Transactions from: 01/01/1900 to 01/22/2019

Date of Report: 1/22/2019

Sorted by: CadreRefID

Search Title/Keywords: Find ALL search terms

Search Terms: MKCHICKWICK, CHICKWICK

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Requester Report

Database Transactions from: 01/01/1900 to 01/18/2019

Search Title/Keywords: Find ANY search terms

Date of Report: 1/18/2019

Sorted by: CadreRefID

Search Terms: MKCHICKWICK, CHICKWICK, MKCHICKWIT, CHICKWIT

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C00016723	05/08/1973	2	16723:16723	INVOLVEMENT IN SENSITIVE DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES
C00021787	01/26/1970	3	21787:21787	AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. (DELETE)
C00021790	05/22/1974	7	21790:21790	PROJECT FILES - 1965 -1973 (PUBDATE UNKNOWN) (WITH ATTACHED MEMO & ATTACHMENT
C00021791	03/18/1971	2	21791:21791	UNTITLED (DISCUSSES SUBJECT CONTRACT WITH DR.)
C00021792	03/29/1971	1	21792:21792	UNTITLED (CALLED DR)
C00021793	05/05/1971	1	21793:21793	UNTITLED (ADVISES EDGEWOOD ARSENAL)
C00021794	02/01/1971	2	21794:21794	REQUEST TO PROCUREMENT DIVISION FOR SERVICES
C00021795	02/16/1971	1	21795:21795	CONTRACT ACTION
C00021796	08/01/1969	2	21796:21796	REQUEST TO PROCUREMENT DIVISION FOR SERVICES
C00021797	05/06/1971	1	21797:21797	NOTICE OF EXPIRATION/RENEWAL REQUEST ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
C00021800	03/01/1972	2	21800:21800	REQUEST TO PROCUREMENT FOR SERVICES
C00021801	08/01/1972	2	21801:21801	REQUEST TO PROCUREMENT DIVISION FOR SERVICES
C00021802	11/27/1968	1	21802:21802	OUTSIDE ACTIVITY APPROVAL REQUEST
C00021806	11/26/1965	1	21806:21806	UNTITLED (UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL) WITH ATTACHED PROPOSAL
C00021824	09/25/1967	1	21824:21824	UNTITLED (PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF WORK)
C00021826	12/19/1967	1	21826:21826	UNTITLED (DISCUSSED INITIAL SCREENING OF COMPOUNDS)
C00021828	03/04/1968	14	21828:21828	UNTITLED (FINAL REPORT) WITH ATTACHMENT
C00021829	03/14/1968	1	21829:21829	UNTITLED (RECENT DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON)
C00021830	10/24/1968	14	21830:21830	UNTITLED (WITH ATTACHMENT)
C00021831	02/26/1969	17	21831:21831	UNTITLED (PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF WORK) WITH ATTACHMENT
C00021835	03/12/1970	26	21835:21835	UNTITLED (PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF WORK) WITH ATTACHMENT
C00021836	09/04/1970	5	21836:21836	UNTITLED (PROPOSAL) WITH ATTACHMENT

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C00021839	02/10/1971	2	21839:21839	UNTITLED (AS DIRECTED IN YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 22)
C00021841	12/17/1971	1	21841:21841	FIRST QUARTER, FY72 ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT REPORT
C00021842	03/27/1972	11	21842:21842	UNTITLED (UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL) WITH ATTACHMENT
C00021870	01/04/1966	1	21870:21870	(DELETED) (RECOMMENDS AGENCY SUPPORT PROPOSAL)
C00021871	01/10/1966	1	21871:21871	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLANDESTINE SERVICES
				REVIEW OF PROPOSAL ON SCREENING OF COMPOUNDS EFFECTING BEHAVIOR
C00021873	02/07/1966	1	21873:21873	COORDINATION OF (DELETED)
C00021875	02/28/1966	2	21875:21875	PROPOSAL FOR A MACHANISM TO TEST-SCREEN DRUGS FOR BEHAVIORAL EFFECTS
C00021876	02/28/1966	2	21876:21876	NEW CONTRACT WITH (DELETED)
C00021878	04/19/1966	1	21878:21878	MEETING WITH DR. (DELETED) 13 APRIL 1966
C00021887	11/30/1966	1	21887:21887	INFORMAL DRAFT PROPOSAL (DELETED)
C00021888	12/02/1966	1	21888:21888	PROJECT REVIEW - OFTEN
C00021889	12/15/1966	2	21889:21889	REVIEW OF DRAFT PROPOSAL FROM (DELETED)
C00021902	07/20/1967	2	21902:21902	TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, U.S. ARMY, EDGEWOOD, MARYLAND
C00021903	08/22/1967	2	21903:21903	CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
C00021909	03/11/1968	1	21909:21909	TOXICOLOGY MEETINGS
C00021912	07/24/1968	1	21912:21912	CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
C00021916	03/24/1969	2	21916:21916	MEETING WITH (DELETE) OF THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS
C00021917	03/24/1969	2	21917:21917	FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT (DELETED) TASK ORDER NO. 2 (62-9008) 68R WITH THE (DELETED)
C00021920	05/20/1969	1	21920:21920	PRESENTATION BY DR. (DELETED)
C00021921	06/27/1969	1	21921:21921	APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST
C00021922	08/21/1969	2	21922:21922	FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT TO CONTRACT NO. (DELETED) REQUIRING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, US ARMY, EDGEWOOD, MD
C00021923	09/11/1969	1	21923:21923	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESEARCH REPORTS
C00021924	11/03/1969	1	21924:21924	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESEARCH REPORTS
C00021925	01/23/1970	2	21925:21925	MATERIALS ANALYSIS, PROJECT OFTEN

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C00021926	03/23/1970	2	21926:21926	FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT NO. (DELETED) WITH THE (DELETED)
C00021928	06/23/1970	2	21928:21928	REVIEW OF EA 3167 STUDY
C00021932	10/13/1970	2	21932:21932	VISIT BY DR. (DELETED)
C00021933	10/20/1970	1	21933:21933	VISIT BY DR. (DELETED)
C00021934	10/26/1970	2	21934:21934	EXCEPTION TO GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACTING WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
C00021935	11/13/1970	2	21935:21935	REDISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL FOR FOREIGN MATERIALS
				INFORMATION AND SAMPLES PROJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH (DELETED)
C00021936	12/14/1970	2	21936:21936	REQUEST FOR FINISHED INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION OF BLOC COUNTRY R&D ON PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
C00021937	12/23/1970	2	21937:21937	CONTRACT NO. (DELETED)
C00021940	02/16/1971	2	21940:21940	TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO EARL FOR FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS
C00021941	02/17/1971	2	21941:21941	TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO EARL FOR FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS
C00021942	03/01/1971	2	21942:21942	TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO (DELETED) FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
C00021943	03/08/1971	2	21943:21943	FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT NO. (DELETED) WITH THE (DELETED)
C00021944	03/09/1971	1	21944:21944	VOUCHER (DELETED)
C00021945	03/12/1971	1	21945:21945	TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR R & D STUDY BY EDGEWOOD ARSENAL
C00021947	04/20/1971	2	21947:21947	CONTRACT NO. (DELETED)
C00021952	06/23/1971	2	21952:21952	ESTIMATED LEVEL OF AGENCY FUNDING THROUGH CHANNELS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1972
C00021957	03/29/1972	2	21957:21957	ADD-ON TASK AT THE (DELETED)
C00021958	04/14/1972	1	21958:21958	VOUCHER (DELETED)
C00021959	06/21/1972	1	21959:21959	OUR MEMO, DTD 12 MARCH 1971, SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR R & D STUDY BY EDGEWOOD ARSENAL EXTENSION OF CONTRACT DATE
C00021962	08/18/1972	2	21962:21962	CHANGE IN SCOPE OF CONTRACT (DELETED) WITH THE (DELETED)
C00021963	08/31/1972	2	21963:21963	TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO (DELETED) FOR FOLLOW-ON TASK AT (DELETED)
C00021964	09/27/1972	1	21964:21964	VOUCHER (DELETED)
C00021965	11/10/1972	1	21965:21965	EXTENSION OF CONTRACT DATE

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C00021966	11/27/1972	3	21966:21966	FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT NO. (DELETED) WITH THE (DELETED)
C00021967	12/11/1972	2	21967:21967	PROJECT OFTEN HISTORY
C00021968	01/04/1973	1	21968:21968	TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS
C00021969	01/17/1973	1	21969:21969	OUR MEMO, DTD NOVEMBER 1972, SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESEARCH REPORTS
C00021972	05/29/1973	2	21972:21972	SUMMARY OF PROJECT OFTEN CLINICAL TESTS AT EDGEWOOD
C00021974	09/20/1973	2	21974:21974	PROTECTION OF PROJECT OFTEN INFORMATION
C00021975	05/06/1974	4	21975:21975	PROJECT OFTEN
C00021976	01/31/1975	9	21976:21976	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS OF DRUGS (WITH AT TACHMENT INFLUENCING HUMAN BEHAVIORAL)
C00021977	02/12/1975	2	21977:21977	TRIP REPORT/EDGEWOOD ARSENAL
C00022021	03/01/1970	2	22021:22021	MATERIALS ANALYSIS
C00022026	12/07/1970	1	22026:22026	TRIP REPORT
C00022033	09/30/1971	1	22033:22033	BIOMED LAB
C00022048	06/30/1973	1	22048:22048	ARMCOM/EDGEWOOD ARSENAL
C00022051	09/30/1973	1	22051:22051	ARMCOM/EDGEWOOD ARSENALPROGRESS REPORT
C00022056	06/30/1974	1	22056:22056	ARMCOM/EDGEWOOD ARSENALPROGRESS REPORT
C00146194	02/11/1975	7	146194:146194	BEHAVIORAL DRUGS, AND TESTING WITH ATTACHMENT TITLED INFLUENCING HUMAN BEHAVIOR
C00163357	08/03/1977	172	163357:163357	PROJECT MKULTRA, THE CIA'S PROGRAM OF RESEARCH IN BEHAVIORAL MODIFICATION -- JOINT HEARING BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

32 CFR Parts 1900, 1901, 1907, 1908, and 1909

Freedom of Information Act; Privacy Act; and Executive Order 12958; Implementation Agency: Central Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Interim rule.**§1900.02 Definitions**

For purposes of this part, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

(a) *Agency or CIA* means the United States Central Intelligence Agency acting through the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator;

(b) *Days* means calendar days when the Agency is operating and specifically excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays. Three (3) days may be added to any time limit imposed on a requester by this part if responding by U.S. domestic mail; ten (10) days may be added if responding by international mail;

(c) *Control* means ownership or the authority of the CIA pursuant to federal statute or privilege to regulate official or public access to records;

(d) *Coordinator* means the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator who serves as the Agency manager of the information review and release program instituted under the Freedom of Information Act;

(e) *Direct costs* means those expenditures which an agency actually incurs in the processing of a FOIA request; it does not include overhead factors such as space, it does include:

(1) *Pages* means paper copies of standard office size or the dollar-value equivalent in other media;

(2) *Reproduction* means generation of a copy of a requested record in a form appropriate for release;

(3) *Review* means all time expended in examining a record to determine whether any portion must be withheld pursuant to law and in effecting any required deletions, but excludes personnel hours expended in resolving general legal or policy issues; it also means personnel hours of professional time;

(4) *Search* means all time expended in looking for and retrieving material that may be responsive to a request utilizing available paper and electronic indices and finding aids; it also means personnel hours of professional time or the dollar-value equivalent in computer searches;

(f) *Expression of interest* means a written communication submitted by a member of the public requesting information on or

concerning the FOIA program and/or the availability of documents from the CIA;

(g) *Federal agency* means any executive department, military department, or other establishment or entity included in the definition of agency in 5 U.S.C 552(f);

(h) *Fees* means those direct costs which may be assessed a requester considering the categories established by the FOIA; requesters should submit information to assist the Agency in determining the proper fee category and the Agency may draw reasonable inferences from the identity and activities of the requester in making such determinations; the fee categories include:

(1) *Commercial* means a request in which the disclosure sought is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester and which furthers such commercial, trade, income, or profit interests;

(2) *Non-commercial educational or scientific institution* means a request from an accredited United States educational institution at any academic level or institution engaged in research concerning the social, biological, or physical sciences or an instructor or researcher or member of such institutions; it also means that the information will be used in a specific scholarly or analytical work, will contribute to the advancement of public knowledge, and will be disseminated to the general public;

(3) *Representative of the news media* means a request from an individual actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish and broadcast news to the American public and pursuant to their news dissemination function and not their commercial interests; the term *news* means information which concerns current events, would be of current interest to the general public, would enhance the public understanding of the operations or activities of the U.S. Government, and is in fact disseminated to a significant element of the public at minimal cost; freelance journalists are included in this definition if they can demonstrate a solid basis for expecting publication through such an organization, even though not actually employed by it; a publication contract or prior publication record is relevant to such status;

(4) *All other* means a request from an individual not within paragraph (h)(1), (2), or (3) of this section;

(i) *Freedom of Information Act* or "FOIA" means the statutes as codified at 5 U.S.C 552;

(j) *Interested party* means any official in the executive, military, congressional, or judicial branches of government, United States or foreign, or U.S. Government contractor who, in the sole discretion of the CIA, has a subject matter or physical interest in the documents or information at issue;

(k) *Originator* means the U.S. Government official who originated the document at issue

or successor in office, or such official who has been delegated release or declassification authority pursuant to law;

(l) *Potential requester* means a person, organization, or other entity who submits an expression of interest;

(m) *Reasonably described records* means a description of a document (record) by unique identification number or descriptive terms which permit an Agency employee to locate documents with reasonable effort given existing indices and finding aids;

(n) *Records or agency records* means all documents, irrespective of physical or electronic form, made or received by the CIA in pursuance of federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business and appropriate for preservation by the CIA as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the CIA or because of the informational value of the data contained therein; it does not include:

(1) *Books, newspapers, magazines, journals, magnetic or printed transcripts of electronic broadcasts, or similar public sector materials* acquired generally and/or maintained for library or reference purposes; to the extent that such materials are incorporated into any form of analysis or otherwise distributed or published by the Agency, they are fully subject to the disclosure provisions of the FOIA;

(2) *Index, filing, or museum documents* made or acquired and preserved solely for reference, indexing, filing, or exhibition purposes; and

(3) *Routing and transmittal sheets and notes and filing or destruction notes* which do not also include information, comment, or statements of substance;

(o) *Responsive records* means those documents (i.e., records) which the Agency has determined to be within the scope of a FOIA request.

§1900.13 Fees for Record Services

(a) *In general.* Search, review, and reproduction fees will be charged in accordance with the provisions below relating to schedule, limitations, and category of requester. Applicable fees will be due even if our search locates no responsive records or if some or all of the responsive records must be denied under one or more of the exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) *Fee waiver requests.* Records will be furnished without charge or at a reduced rate whenever the Agency determines:

(1) That, as a matter of administrative discretion, the interest of the United States Government would be served, or

(2) That it is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government and

is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester; the Agency shall consider the following factors when making this determination:

(i) Whether the subject of the request concerns the operations or activities of the United States Government; and, if so,

(ii) Whether the disclosure of the requested documents is likely to contribute to an understanding of United States Government operations or activities; and, if so,

(iii) Whether the disclosure of the requested documents will contribute to public understanding of United States Government operations or activities; and, if so,

(iv) Whether the disclosure of the requested documents is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of United States Government operations and activities; and

(v) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and, if so,

(vi) Whether the disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

(c) *Fee waiver appeals.* Denials of requests for fee waivers or reductions may be appealed to the Chair of the Agency Release Panel via the Coordinator. A requester is encouraged to provide any explanation or argument as to how his or her request satisfies the statutory requirement set forth above.

(d) *Time for fee waiver requests and appeals.* It is suggested that such requests and appeals be made and resolved prior to the initiation of processing and the incurring of costs. However, fee waiver requests will be accepted at any time prior to the release of documents or the completion of a case, and fee waiver appeals within forty-five (45) days of our initial decision subject to the following condition: If processing has been initiated, then the requester must agree to be responsible for costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

(e) *Agreement to pay fees.* In order to protect requesters from large and/or unanticipated charges, the Agency will request specific commitment when it estimates that fees will exceed \$100.00. The Agency will hold in abeyance for forty-five (45) days requests requiring such agreement and will thereafter deem the request closed. This action, of course, would not prevent an individual from re-filing his or her FOIA request with a fee commitment at a subsequent date.

(f) *Deposits.* The Agency may require an advance deposit of up to 100 percent of the estimated fees when fees may exceed \$250.00 and the requester has no history of payment, or when, for fees of any amount, there is evidence

that the requester may not pay the fees which would be accrued by processing the request. The Agency will hold in abeyance for forty-five (45) days those requests where deposits have been requested.

(g) *Schedule of fees - 1) In general.* The schedule of fees for services performed in responding to requests for records is established as follows:

Personnel Search and Review

Clerical/Technical	Quarter hour	\$5.00
Professional /Supervisory	Quarter hour	10.00
Manager/Senior Professional	Quarter hour	18.00

Computer Search and Production

Search (on-line)	Flat rate	10.00
Search (off-line)	Flat rate	30.00
Other activity	Per minute	10.00
Tapes (mainframe cassette)	Each	9.00
Tapes (mainframe cartridge)	Each	9.00
Tapes (mainframe reel)	Each	20.00
Tapes (PC 9mm)	Each	25.00
Diskette (3.5")	Each	4.00
CD (bulk recorded)	Each	10.00
CD (recordable)	Each	20.00
Telecommunications	Per minute	.50
Paper (mainframe printer)	Per page	.10
Paper (PC b/w laser printer)	Per Page	.10
Paper PC color printer	Per page	1.00

Paper Production

Photocopy (standard or legal)	Per page	.10
Microfiche	Per frame	.20
Pre-printed (if available)	Per 100 pages	5.00
Published (if available)	Per item	NTIS

(2) *Application of schedule.* Personnel search time includes time expended in either manual paper records searches, indices searches, review of computer search results for relevance, personal computer system searches, and various reproduction services. In any event where the actual cost to the Agency of a particular item is less than the above schedule (e.g., a large production or run of a document resulted in a cost of less than \$5.00 per hundred pages), then the actual lesser cost will be charged. Items published and available at the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) are also available from CIA pursuant

to this part at the NTIS price as authorized by statute.

(3) *Other services.* For all other types of output, production, or reproduction (e.g., photographs, maps, or published reports), actual cost or amounts authorized by statute. Determinations of actual cost shall include the commercial cost of the media, the personnel time expended in making the item to be released, and an allocated cost of the equipment used in making the item, or, if the production is effected by a commercial service, then that charge shall be deemed the actual cost for purposes of this part.

(h) Limitations on collection of fees.--

(1) *In general.* No fees will be charged if the cost of collecting the fee is equal to or greater than the fee itself. That cost includes the administrative costs to the Agency of billing, receiving, recording, and processing the fee for deposit to the Treasury Department and, as of the date of these regulations, is deemed to be \$10.00.

(2) Requests for personal information.

No fees will be charged for requesters seeking records about themselves under the FOIA; such requests are processed in accordance with both the FOIA and the Privacy Act in order to ensure the maximum disclosure without charge.

(i) *Fee categories.* There are four categories of FOIA requesters for fee purposes: "Commercial use" requesters, "educational and non-commercial scientific institution" requesters, "representatives of the news media" requesters, and "all other" requesters. The categories are defined in §1900.02, and applicable fees, which are the same in two of the categories, will be assessed as follows:

(1) "Commercial use" requesters:

Charges which recover the full direct costs of searching for, reviewing, and duplicating responsive records (if any);

(2) "Educational and non-commercial scientific institution" requesters as well as "representatives of the news media" requesters: Only charges for reproduction beyond the first 100 pages;

(3) "All other" requesters: Charges which recover the full direct cost of searching for and reproducing responsive records (if any) beyond the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two (2) hours of search time, which will be furnished without charge.

(j) *Associated requests.* A requester or associated requesters may not file a series of multiple requests, which are merely discrete subdivisions of the information actually sought for the purpose of avoiding or reducing applicable fees. In such instances, the Agency may aggregate the requests and charge the applicable fees.